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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 241760, BONN 16898

1. ON OCT 27 WE DISCUSSED THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM WITH STAATSSSEKRETAER BRODESSER IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY OF NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA (NRW). HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL OF INTERIOR MINISTERS OF THE BUNDESLAENDER HAD DECIDED AT ITS SEP MEETING TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTIN UP TO 3000 REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. A COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM BAVARIA, BERLIN, HESSEN AND NRW HAD BEEN SET UP TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS. IT WAS AGREED THAT NRW WOULD TAKE A QUOTA OF 315 OUT OF EACH 1000 REFUGEES ACCEPTED BY THE FRG. BRODESSER WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO WOULD BE ACCEPTED BUT CONFIRMED THAT AN INITIAL TRANCHE OF 1000 HAD BEEN SET. HE INDICATED THAT NRW INTENDED TO INCLUDE IN ITS QUOTA THE REFUGEES THAT HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN NRW. ACCORDING TO BRODESSER THE NUMBER

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OF REFUGEES TO BE ACCEPTED WILL BE SET IN MID-NOVEMBER AND

FORMALIZED AT THE DEC 5 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF INTERIOR  
MINISTERS.

2. BRODESSER ASKED US WHO WOULD DECIDE WHICH REFUGEES WENT  
TO GERMANY AND ON WHAT CRITERIA SUCH DECISIONS WOULD BE  
BASED. WE AGREED TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT AND  
PASS IT ON TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

3. BRODESSER NOTED THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IS ONLY  
RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING REFUGEES CROSS THE BORDER. HOUSING,  
EMPLOYMENT AND INTEGRATION INTO GERMAN SOCIETY ARE MATTERS  
FOR THE LABOR AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES. HE RECOMMENDED THAT  
WE CONSULT WITH THESE MINISTRIES AND IMPRESS ON THEM ALSO THE  
URGENCY THAT THE US GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THIS PROBLEM.

4. WITH REGARD TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES NOW BEING PROCESSED  
IN NRW BRODESSER SAID THAT BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY STRICT  
INTERPRETATION OF THE REGULATIONS ONLY 60 OF 160 APPLICATIONS  
HAD BEEN APPROVED. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN THE  
DECISION TO ACCEPT LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES IS FORMALLY TAKEN,  
THE APPLICATION OF THESE REGULATIONS WOULD BE RELAXED ON  
THE GROUNDS THAT A REFUGEE WITH EVEN TENUOUS TIES TO SOMEONE  
IN GERMANY IS MORE LIKELY TO BE SETTLED SUCCESSFULLY THAN  
SOMEONE WITH NO TIES AT ALL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 2.DUX

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